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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is granted.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed November 5, 2002, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three months from the mailing date of the Notice. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 have been obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on February 6, 2003.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center AU 1772 for further processing.

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